

and hope for the racially polarized town. By 1975, the young political junkie who could explain Boston by precinct or by parish was entrusted with White's third-term reelection campaign.

It was the roughest, ugliest, closest fight in modern Boston times. The people involved, despite all they've done since, still get together to tell the old stories and refight the old shouting matches. The one reputation that was enhanced by the bruising experience was O'Donnell's, for focusing like a laser beam on organizing the White vote and focusing on Joe Timilty's lack of a clear alternative.

After it was over and he was down in Washington with Tip O'Neill, it was increasingly clear that his former boss had lost his fastball. Again and again, from the shadows of the speaker's rooms in the Capitol, O'Donnell saw to Boston's interests. He would happily recount to me the stories of program formulas rejiggered to benefit the cities, of special items in appropriations bills (worth billions of dollars over time) as long as I understood that if I used his name in public he would rip my lungs out.

Just for the record, O'Donnell was more than enough of a city lover and urban scholar to know about subway analogies in politics. But he was the guy, in 1981, who called Social Security the third rail of American politics; few lines have been ripped off more. But he did it to make a point—that Ronald Reagan had touched it by reaching beyond his mandate to try to slash future benefits in a partisan initiative. With the help of the worst recession in 60 years, he and Speaker O'Neill pounced on that goof to effectively end the Reagan Revolution.

But that same skill was then put to use on the speaker's behalf to help broker a bipartisan repair job that has lasted 15 years and made the next stage of generational common sense possible. He was to Congress in the 1980s what Jim Baker was to the Reagan White House.

He was a big guy, with a big voice he rarely used except to laugh. Everyone trusted him. There are tears being shed today in saloons and salons, in boardrooms and in back rooms. Kirk O'Donnell's life demonstrates the power of the haunting challenge made famous by the Kennedys, that all of us can make a difference and that each of us should try.

HONORS REVEREND JUAN MARTINEZ FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 1998

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to pay tribute to the Reverend Juan Martinez of New Haven, Connecticut. Reverend Martinez has spent thirty-six years developing and enriching his community, ministering to our souls and nourishing our spirits.

Reverend Martinez arrived in the United States from his native Puerto Rico in 1950, and served his country in our military in the Korean War. Upon his arrival in New Haven in 1962, he established the Pentecostal Church Door of Salvation. Through this church, Reverend Martinez has selflessly devoted himself to the Hispanic community and to the entire city of New Haven. He is the eldest Hispanic minister pastoring in New Haven, and serves as Executive Treasurer for the International

Latin American Council of Churches. He is the founder of the New Life Corporation Housing Development Corporation, and is the co-founder of the Asociacion Ministerial Evangelica Hispanica de New Haven.

Reverend Martinez has contributed so much to our New Haven that it is difficult to know how to begin to describe his dedication and service. He embodies the values of commitment to family and dedication to neighbors, and is a role model to us all. He is a powerful voice of justice and equality for the Hispanic community, and therefore for our city. He has worked with four mayors of New Haven to improve housing for the needy. He has organized an annual food drive, and founded a community youth and children's program which serves over 120 children, nurturing their minds, enriching their spirits, and giving them a safe place to play and learn.

For thirty-six years, Reverend Martinez has been a force in his community for all that is right and good. It is with great pride and honor that I join with his family, friends and community to say thank you and congratulations.

IN MEMORY OF CASPER BUONOCORE, JR. AND JOHN J. BRACKEN

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the memory of two brave police officers, Casper J. Buonocore, Jr., and John J. Bracken, who were killed in the line of duty twenty-five years ago. They are being honored today at the New Jersey Central Railroad Terminal at Liberty State Park. The City of Jersey City is celebrating the dedication of the Buonocore-Bracken Memorial Building at 60 Collard Street.

P.O. Buonocore, an NTF officer assigned to the West District Scooter Unit, was leaving the scene of a routine arrest on Armstrong and Ocean Avenues on September 12, 1973, when he was shot by a man on a roof and died at the Jersey City Medical Center the same day. The incident was triggered when another man refused to move a car that was double parked. During his tenure of almost three years, Buonocore was the recipient of a Commendation for Armed Robbery award and a Special Letter Class C Award.

P.O. Bracken, an NTF officer assigned to the East District Motorcycle Unit, was struck by a drunk driver who had run a stop sign on September 1, 1973. He died at the Jersey City Medical Center on September 12 of that year. Bracken was responding to a priority call on his motorcycle with lights and siren on when the accident occurred. Also a veteran of almost three years on the force, Bracken won two Commendation Awards.

I know my colleagues will join me in saluting the memory of these two brave officers, Casper J. Buonocore, Jr. and John J. Bracken.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER ALABAMA GOVERNOR GEORGE C. WALLACE

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 1998

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to the memory of one of America's political legends and one of my home State's greatest sons, George Corley Wallace.

The 79-year-old former four-term Alabama Governor and Presidential candidate passed away on September 13 in Montgomery after a sudden illness. Governor Wallace was a native of Clio in my congressional district.

There are few names which engender more passion in American politics than that of George Wallace. While the former Governor is remembered by many for his strong and controversial views on a number of social issues during a very difficult period in our Nation's history, his greatest legacy—his role in laying the foundation for modern conservatism—is often overlooked.

As Alabama political columnist Bob Ingram points out, Wallace was quite fond of a 1980 New York Times editorial stating that Ronald Reagan "sailed into the White House on the tide that George Wallace discovered."

The famous "Reagan Democrat" phenomenon was a likely result of the growing conservative political culture which George Wallace expertly marshalled during his bids for the White House more than a decade earlier. Many of George Wallace's stands on State's rights and less government helped to pave the way for the eventual shift of southern Democrats to the modern Republican party.

As a newspaper reporter and later as a publisher in Alabama at the time of Wallace's tenure as Governor, I reported some of the history that he helped create. While, I didn't always agree with the Governor, I never lost respect for his remarkable political skills.

His brave recuperation from an assassination attempt and his remarkable reconciliation with his former political rivals of the Civil Rights era certainly galvanized George Wallace's role in history as one of America's most adept politicians.

The legacy of George Wallace's popular conservatism is very much alive today. I am glad that he was able to see his common-sense government ideals rise to the top of the national agenda even though fate did not allow the skilled political boxer from Barbour County, AL, to fight the last round.

IN HONOR OF THE UNITED WAY'S CONGRESSWOMAN MARY T. NORTON MEMORIAL AWARD WINNERS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sister Alice McCoy, Margaret Murtha and Maria Nolan for winning the United Way's Congresswoman Mary T. Norton Memorial Award.

The award, which was initiated by the United Way of Hudson County in 1990, recognizes those who exhibit a deep commitment to